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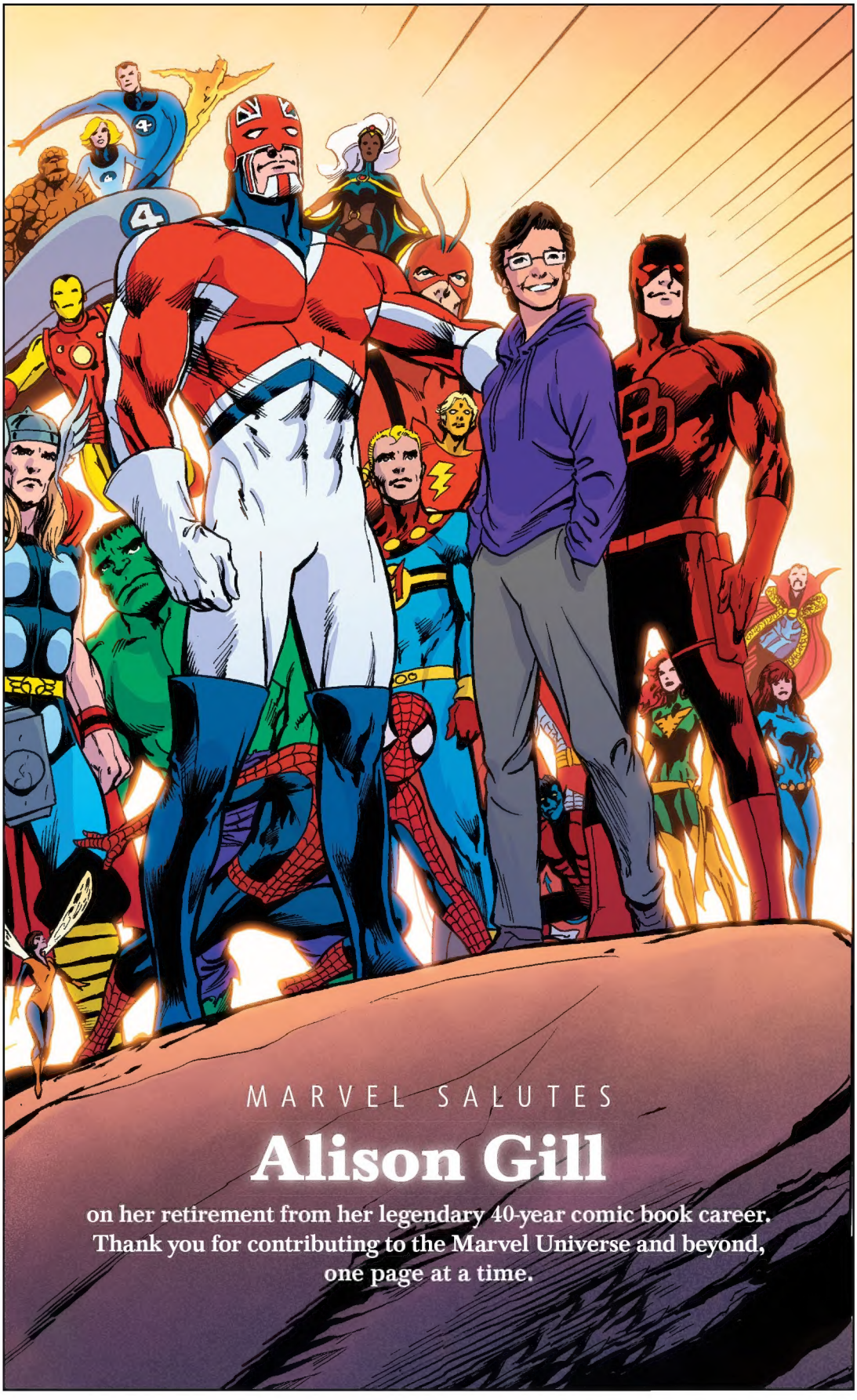
MARVEL SALUTES
Alison Gill
on her retirement from her legendary 40-year comic book career.
Thank you for contributing to the Marvel Universe and beyond,
one page at a time.

NOT LONG AGO.
I THINK YOU ARE OVERREACTING!
YOU TRIED TO KILL ME!
Jennifer Walters,ESQ.
I TRIED TO ASSASSINATE YOU! ASSASSINATIONS ONLY HAPPEN TO IMPORTANT PEOPLE. IT'S A COMPLIMENT!
I DON'T NEED COMPLIMENTS!
I NEED PEOPLE TO STOP TRYING TO KILL ME!
I'M TELLING YOU, CALLING IT AN ASSASSINATION WILL MAKE YOU SOUND MORE IMPRESSIVE.

HEY, JEN, WAS NOW STILL A GOOD TIME TO TALK ABOUT THE DEPOSITION NOTES FOR PEOPLE OF VIRGINIA ET AL. V. MAXISSIMO BEST AND BEST OF THE BEST CORPORATION ET AL.?
...AM I INTERRUPTING SOMETHING?
SORRY, MARGUERITE. JUST TRYING TO KEEP THE INFAMOUS WHITE WIDOW FROM ASSASSINATING ME. GIVE ME FIVE?
OOOH, ASSASSINATION. VERY FANCY.
SEE? I TOLD YOU--
JEN, LOOK OUT! SHE'S GOT A KNIFE!
CROMCH
AND I'VE GOT ABOUT A HUNDRED VOLUMES OF CASE LAW.
-HRGH- ADMIT IT. ASSASSINATION SOUNDS COOL.
STAY DOWN, YELENA.
NOT... UNTIL...YOU ADMIT--

FINE. IT SOUNDS COOL. I'M STILL NOT GOING TO LET YOU ASSASSINATE ME.
WHATEVER! I DON'T CARE! I'M NOT =KOFF= EVEN HERE FOR =GASP= YOU. MY TARGET IS--
CAN YOU BREATHE DOWN THERE?
IF SHE CAN TALK, SHE CAN BREATHE. YOU'RE NOT HERE TO KILL JEN?
NOT TECHNICALLY! SHE-HULK IS NOT MY ORIGINAL TARGET-- I WAS JUST GOING TO FIGHT HER FOR FUN.
FOR FUN?!
YEAH. I'VE NEVER FOUGHT A SUPER HERO INSIDE A BROOM CLOSET BEFORE.
MY OFFICE ISN'T THAT SMALL--
MAYBE WE LET THAT ONE GO.
SO, IF I'M NOT THE TARGET, WHO IS?
MY TARGET IS MAXISSIMO BEST'S SON, PROXIMO BEST.
I KNOW HE'S SOMEWHERE IN THE BUILDING. I JUST NEED TO FIND HIM.
BEST OF THE BEST'S CFO? HE'S IN MY OFFICE AT MY FIRM UPSTAIRS--AND, NO, I'M NOT TELLING YOU WHICH FIRM THAT IS.
BUT--
NO BUTS. IF YOU ASSASSINATE HIM, WE CAN'T HOLD HIM ACCOUNTABLE FOR WAGE THEFT. NO ONE IS MESSING UP THIS CASE. NOT EVEN YOU.
TRUST ME, YOU DON'T WANT TO GET IN MARGUERITE'S WAY ON THIS ONE.
WHAT, THIS MARGUERITE LADY IS YOUR BOSS NOW?
TECHNICALLY, I'M SUPPOSED TO BE HER MENTOR--BUT, YEAH, I THINK WE COULD CALL HER THE BOSS.
SWEET TALKER.

SINCE WHEN DOES THE GREAT JENNIFER WALTERS TAKE THE BACK SEAT ON A CASE?
SINCE MY INCREDIBLE *MENTEE* STEPPED UP TO TAKE ON CORPORATE VILLAINS.
I SUPPORT AND ADVISE THROUGH THE CIVILIAN MENTORSHIP PROGRAM THE AVENGERS SET UP--BUT *SHE'S* IN CHARGE OF HER CASES.
WHAT IS IT WITH YOU HERO TYPES AND MENTORSHIP? IT'S ALL YOU PEOPLE TALK ABOUT.
WHAT'S THE POINT OF BEING ABLE TO DO THE THINGS WE CAN DO, IF WE CAN'T TEACH OTHERS HOW TO WIELD THEIR POWERS TOO?
YOU'RE NOT THE FIRST ONE TO SAY THIS KIND OF THING TO ME.
ONE OF YOUR LITTLE SUPER-POWER FRIENDS SAID I'D BE GOOD AT THAT KIND OF THING.
WAIT, WHO SAID *YOU* SHOULD BE TEACHING PEOPLE THINGS?
ACTUALLY, LOTS OF PEOPLE ARE SAYING THIS TO ME. I WILL TRY IT MAYBE.
I DON'T KNOW IF *YOU'RE* THE ONE WHO SHOULD BE SHAPING MINDS--
OH, WHY NOT? IT WOULD *DEFINITELY* BE A BETTER USE OF HER TIME.
...BETTER THAN WHAT...?
BETTER THAN ASSASSINATING PROXIMO BEST.
OH. YOU ARE MISTAKEN! I'M DEFINITELY STILL DOING THAT.
YELENA, DON'T--
YELENA, NO--

Superspy. Rogue agent. Shadow of the Black Widow. Yelena Belova has been many things, but striking out as a hero in her own right is new to her. Now that she's finally free to choose her own path, who will she become?

WHITE WIDOW

Yelena Belova has moved to the suburban town of Idylhaven, where she plans to grow her sense of self--and her job as a consultant for up-and-coming assassins. But recently, a tech company called Armament began buying up businesses all over Idylhaven. After Yelena's neighbor Zelda was intimidated by a former mentee of Yelena's for not selling her shop to Armament, the White Widow found herself taking on a new mission--protecting her neighbors. So when Yelena and her neighbors received eviction notices after investigating the Armament assassin's technology, Yelena decided to take her grievances straight to the source--Armament headquarters!

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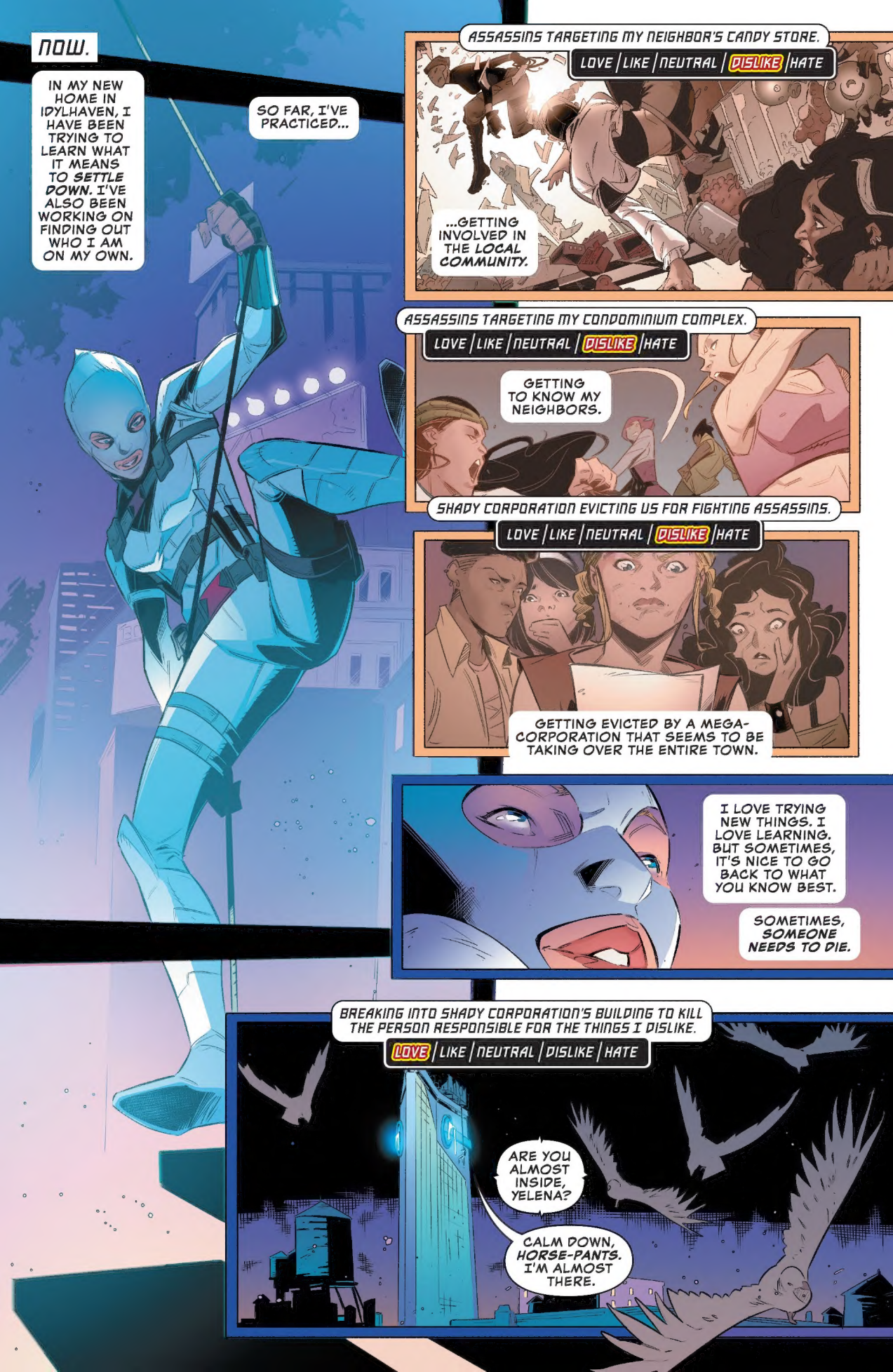
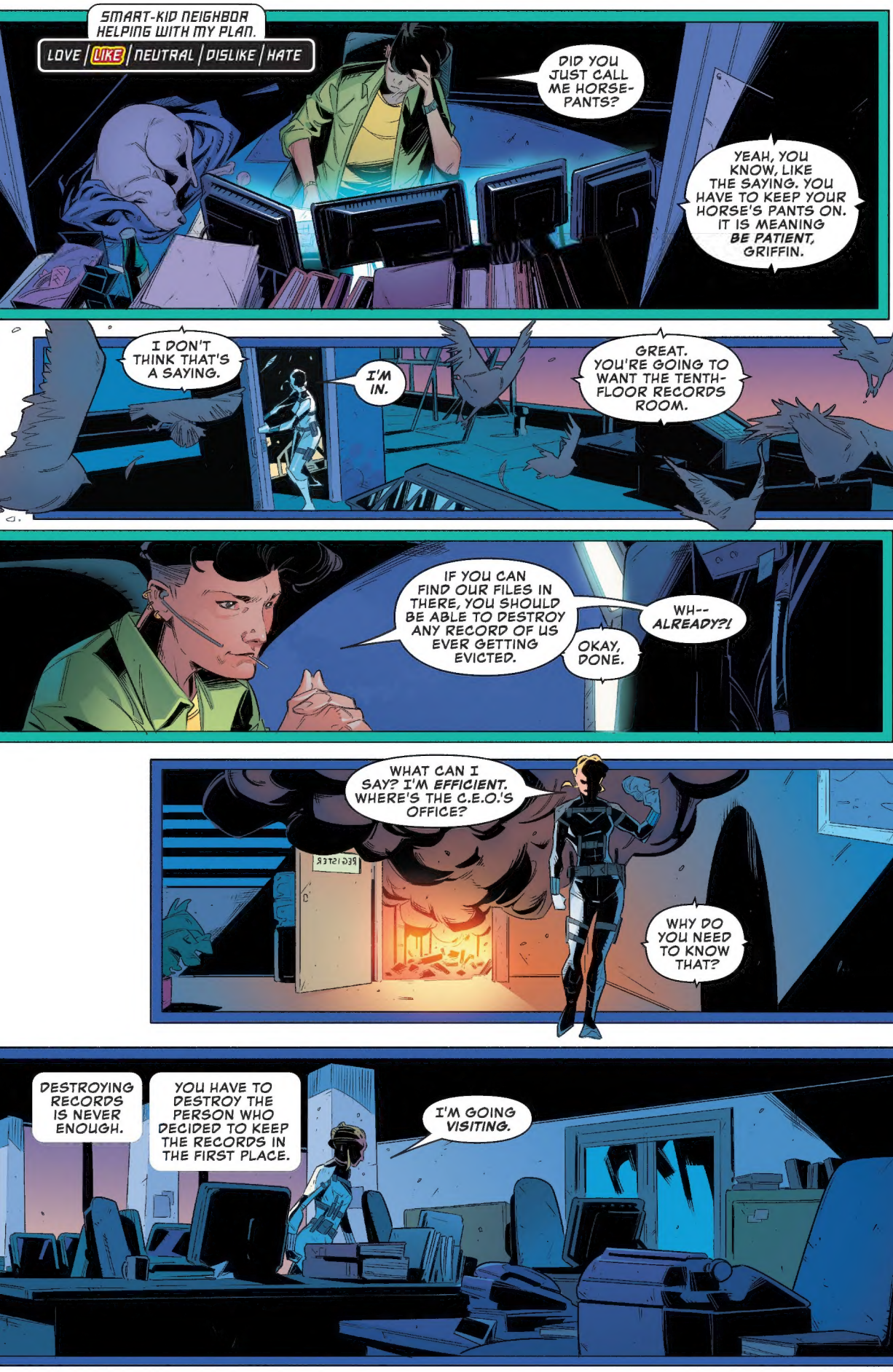
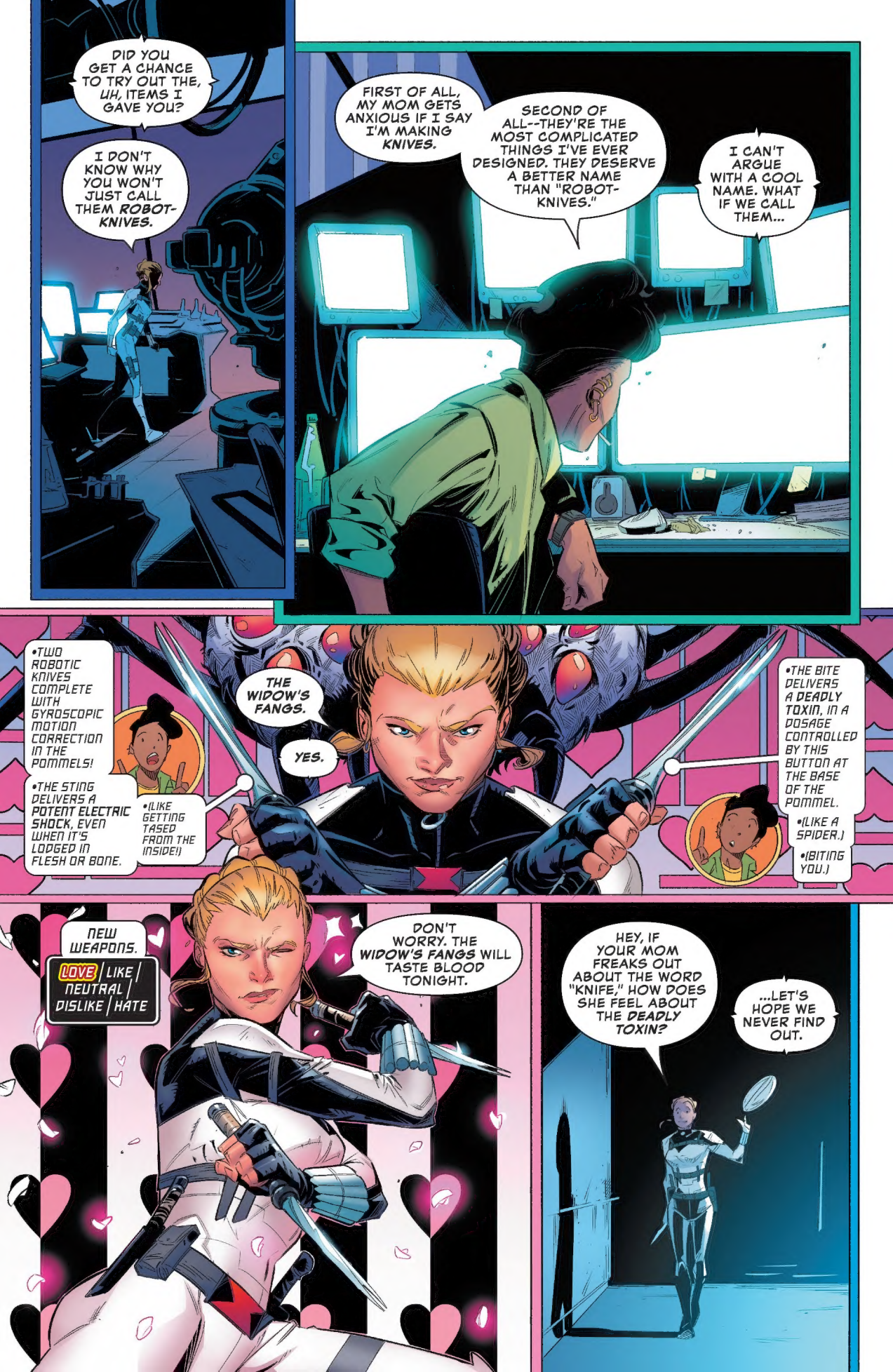
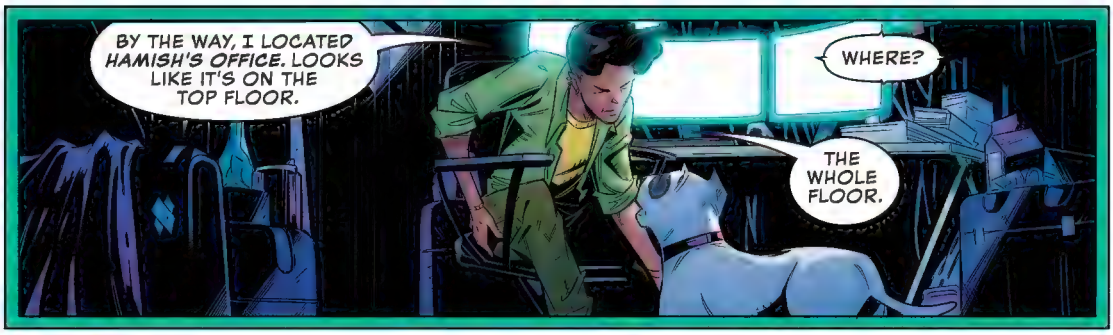
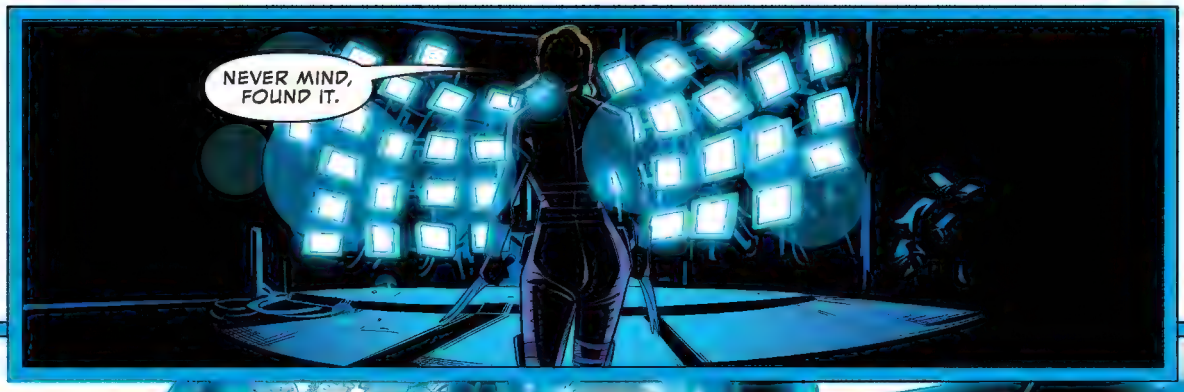
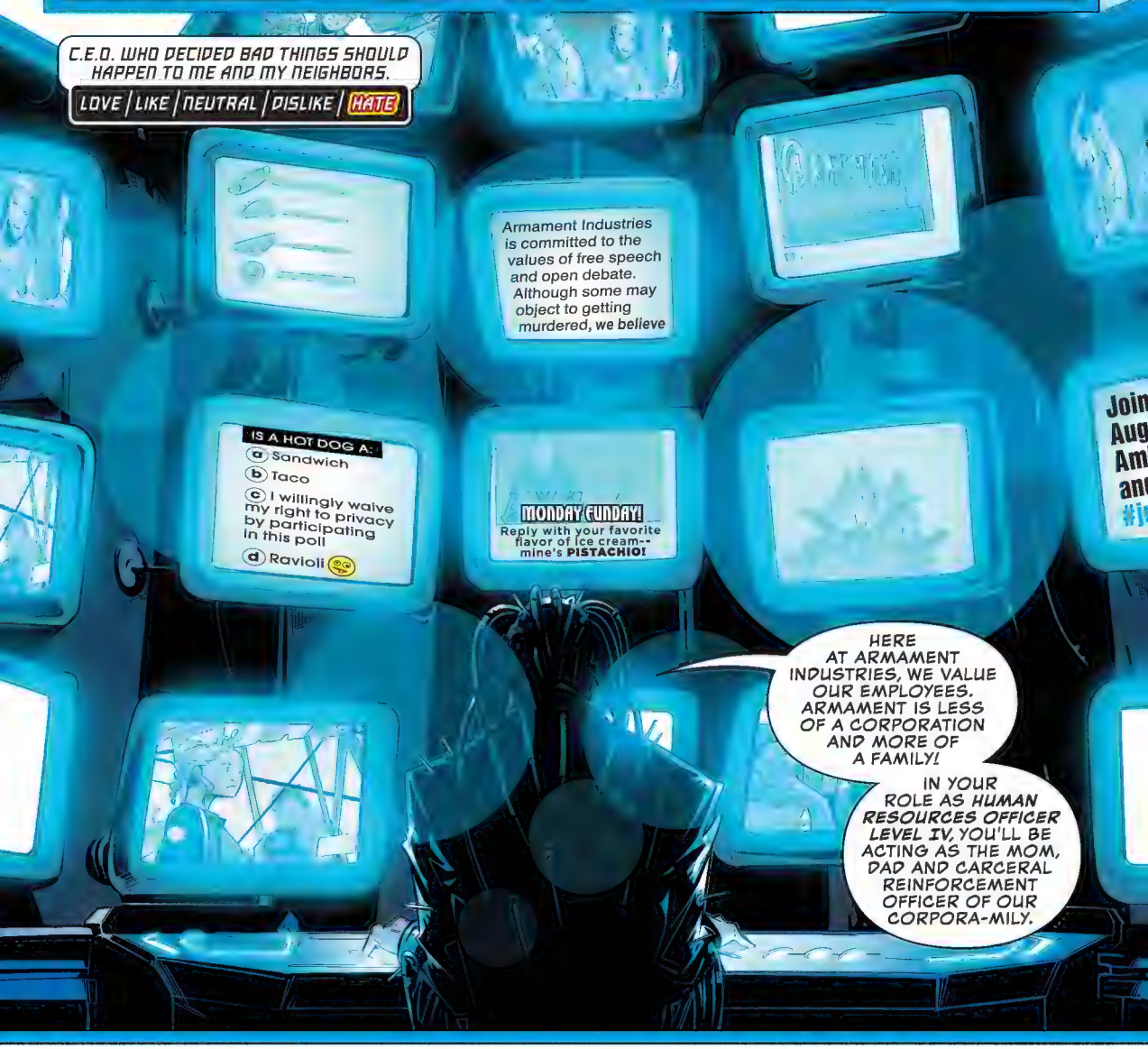

NOW.
IN MY NEW HOME IN IDYLHAVEN, I HAVE BEEN TRYING TO LEARN WHAT IT MEANS TO SETTLE DOWN. I'VE ALSO BEEN WORKING ON FINDING OUT WHO I AM ON MY OWN.
SO FAR, I'VE PRACTICED...
ASSASSINS TARGETING MY NEIGHBOR'S CANDY STORE.
LOVE / LIKE / NEUTRAL / DISLIKE / HATE
...GETTING INVOLVED IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.
ASSASSINS TARGETING MY CONDOMINIUM COMPLEX.
LOVE / LIKE / NEUTRAL / DISLIKE / HATE
GETTING TO KNOW MY NEIGHBORS.
SHADY CORPORATION EVICTING US FOR FIGHTING ASSASSINS.
LOVE / LIKE / NEUTRAL / DISLIKE / HATE
GETTING EVICTED BY A MEGA-CORPORATION THAT SEEMS TO BE TAKING OVER THE ENTIRE TOWN.
I LOVE TRYING NEW THINGS. I LOVE LEARNING. BUT SOMETIMES, IT'S NICE TO GO BACK TO WHAT YOU KNOW BEST.
SOMETIMES, SOMEONE NEEDS TO DIE.
BREAKING INTO SHADY CORPORATION'S BUILDING TO KILL THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR THE THINGS I DISLIKE.
LOVE / LIKE / NEUTRAL / DISLIKE / HATE
ARE YOU ALMOST INSIDE, YELENA?
CALM DOWN, HORSE-PANTS. I'M ALMOST THERE.


SMART-KID NEIGHBOR HELPING WITH MY PLAN.
LOVE / LIKE / NEUTRAL / DISLIKE / HATE
DID YOU JUST CALL ME HORSE-PANTS?
YEAH, YOU KNOW, LIKE THE SAYING. YOU HAVE TO KEEP YOUR HORSE'S PANTS ON. IT IS MEANING BE PATIENT, GRIFFIN.
I DON'T THINK THAT'S A SAYING.
I'M IN.
GREAT. YOU'RE GOING TO WANT THE TENTH-FLOOR RECORDS ROOM.
IF YOU CAN FIND OUR FILES IN THERE, YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO DESTROY ANY RECORD OF US EVER GETTING EVICTED.
WH-- ALREADY?!
OKAY, DONE.
WHAT CAN I SAY? I'M EFFICIENT. WHERE'S THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE?
WHY DO YOU NEED TO KNOW THAT?
DESTROYING RECORDS IS NEVER ENOUGH.
YOU HAVE TO DESTROY THE PERSON WHO DECIDED TO KEEP THE RECORDS IN THE FIRST PLACE.
I'M GOING VISITING.


DID YOU GET A CHANCE TO TRY OUT THE, UH, ITEMS I GAVE YOU?
I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU WON'T JUST CALL THEM ROBOT-KNIVES.
FIRST OF ALL, MY MOM GETS ANXIOUS IF I SAY I'M MAKING KNIVES.
SECOND OF ALL--THEY'RE THE MOST COMPLICATED THINGS I'VE EVER DESIGNED. THEY DESERVE A BETTER NAME THAN "ROBOT-KNIVES."
I CAN'T ARGUE WITH A COOL NAME. WHAT IF WE CALL THEM...
•TWO ROBOTIC KNIVES COMPLETE WITH GYROSCOPIC MOTION CORRECTION IN THE POMMELS!
•THE STING DELIVERS A POTENT ELECTRIC SHOCK, EVEN WHEN IT'S LODGED IN FLESH OR BONE.
•(LIKE GETTING TASED FROM THE INSIDE!)
THE WIDOW'S FANGS.
YES.
•THE BITE DELIVERS A DEADLY TOXIN, IN A DOSAGE CONTROLLED BY THIS BUTTON AT THE BASE OF THE POMMEL.
•(LIKE A SPIDER.)
•(BITING YOU.)
NEW WEAPONS.
LOVE / LIKE / NEUTRAL / DISLIKE / HATE
DON'T WORRY. THE WIDOW'S FANGS WILL TASTE BLOOD TONIGHT.
HEY, IF YOUR MOM FREAKS OUT ABOUT THE WORD "KNIFE," HOW DOES SHE FEEL ABOUT THE DEADLY TOXIN?
...LET'S HOPE WE NEVER FIND OUT.


BY THE WAY, I LOCATED HAMISH'S OFFICE. LOOKS LIKE IT'S ON THE TOP FLOOR.
WHERE?
THE WHOLE FLOOR.


NEVER MIND, FOUND IT.


C.E.O. WHO DECIDED BAD THINGS SHOULD HAPPEN TO ME AND MY NEIGHBORS.
LOVE / LIKE / NEUTRAL / DISLIKE / HATE
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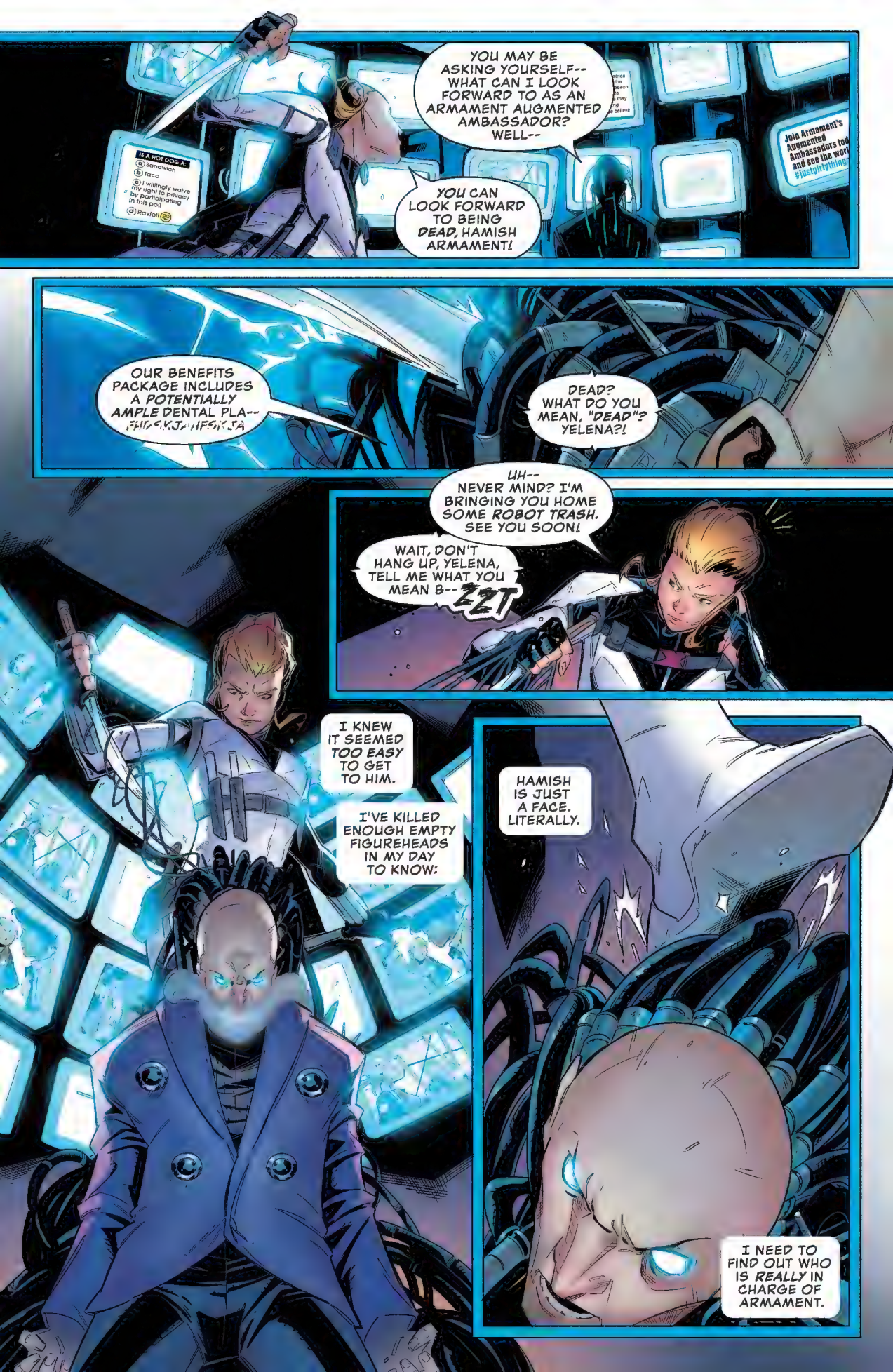
IS A HOT DOG A:
a Sandwich
b Taco
c I willingly waive my right to privacy by participating in this poll
d Ravioli
MONDAY FUNDAY!
Reply with your favorite flavor of ice cream-- mine's PISTACHIO!
HERE AT ARMAMENT INDUSTRIES, WE VALUE OUR EMPLOYEES. ARMAMENT IS LESS OF A CORPORATION AND MORE OF A FAMILY!
IN YOUR ROLE AS HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER LEVEL IV, YOU'LL BE ACTING AS THE MOM, DAD AND CARCERAL REINFORCEMENT OFFICER OF OUR CORPORA-MILY.


YOU MAY BE ASKING YOURSELF-- WHAT CAN I LOOK FORWARD TO AS AN ARMAMENT AUGMENTED AMBASSADOR? WELL--
YOU CAN LOOK FORWARD TO BEING DEAD, HAMISH ARMAMENT!
IS A HOT DOG A:
(a) Sandwich
(b) Taco
(c) I willingly waive my right to privacy by participating in this poll
(d) Ravioli
Join Armament's Augmented Ambassadors tod and see the worl #justgirlythings
OUR BENEFITS PACKAGE INCLUDES A POTENTIALLY AMPLE DENTAL PLA--
DEAD? WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "DEAD"? YELENA?!
UH-- NEVER MIND? I'M BRINGING YOU HOME SOME ROBOT TRASH. SEE YOU SOON!
WAIT, DON'T HANG UP, YELENA, TELL ME WHAT YOU MEAN B--
ZZT
I KNEW IT SEEMED TOO EASY TO GET TO HIM.
I'VE KILLED ENOUGH EMPTY FIGUREHEADS IN MY DAY TO KNOW:
HAMISH IS JUST A FACE. LITERALLY.
I NEED TO FIND OUT WHO IS REALLY IN CHARGE OF ARMAMENT.

DOWNTOWN IDYLHAVEN, A.K.A. MY ROUTE HOME FROM A JOB WELL DONE.
THE WIDOW'S FANGS ARE THIRSTY--NO, THAT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE, SPIDER FANGS DON'T DRINK.
FANGS FOR THE MEMORIES? MAYBE TOO CONFUSING, IF THEY DON'T HEAR THE "F."
I HAD IT RIGHT THE FIRST TIME. THE WIDOW'S FANGS WILL TASTE BLOOD TONIGHT. THAT WAS A GOOD ONE.
IS THAT-- ROWAN?
OH, HEY, YELENA!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUT SO LATE?
PICKING UP A PRESCRIPTION. MY ARMAMENT INSURANCE FINALLY APPROVED THIS ME/CFS* TREATMENT THAT TARGETS MITOCHONDRIA, AND--WAIT, ARE THEY WITH YOU?
*MYALGIC ENCEPHALOMYELITIS, A.K.A. CHRONIC FATIGUE SYNDROME.
ARE WHO WITH ME?
THOSE GUYS?
THOSE GUYS.
LOVE | LIKE
NEUTRAL | DISLIKE
HATE | ???

ROWAN McABNEY?
THAT'S ME, WHAT SEEMS TO BE THE PROBLEM--UM--OFF...ICER?
GET BEHIND ME, ROWAN. NOW.
WAIT, IS THAT THE ARMAMENT LOGO?
I CAN HANDLE THIS, YELENA.
I GUARANTEE YOU CANNOT HANDLE THIS.
IT'S FINE. THEY'RE FROM MY COMPANY. THEY PROBABLY JUST NEED TO VERIFY MY CREDENTIALS, AND THEN--
CRABOOSSHHH
THERE MUST BE A MISUNDERSTANDING! THOSE ARE MY CO-WORKERS!
AND YOUR BOSS DOESN'T NORMALLY TRY TO HAVE YOU KILLED?
KILLED? WHY WOULD THEY HAVE ME KILLED? ARMAMENT IS A FAMILY!
HAH!
YOU'D BE SURPRISED AT WHAT FAMILY CAN DO TO EACH OTHER.

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT TOOK THIS LONG--

--FOR SOMEONE TO ASK ME TO KILL THEM.

PREPARE TO FEEL THE WIDOW'S FANGS!

KRNCH

CRASH

AUGMENTED FIST THINGIES? I'VE SEEN BETTER.

OKAY, ACTUALLY, THAT'S PRETTY COOL.

KSHEWW

THIS SEEMS HARDER THAN IT SHOULD BE!

SHOULD WE CALL HR...?

A GOOD FIGHT WITH COMPETENT OPPONENTS.

LOVE | LIKE | NEUTRAL | DISLIKE | HATE

MAYBE YOU SHOULD JUST *PRAY*.

DISLOCATE

ONE DOWN, TWO TO GO.

STOP, YOU'LL BREAK--
KRNCH
NO! DAMN IT. THEY'RE GOING TO CHARGE ME FOR THAT!
YOUR GEAR BEING TANGLED UP IS THE LEAST OF YOUR PROBLEMS.
THE STING!
FZZZZZKT
HRRAGHHH!
THAT WAS THE STING--NOW WHICH OF YOU WANTS TO FEEL THE BITE?!
NOPE, NO WAY, NOT WORTH IT. I'M CLOCKING OUT. GOOD LUCK, BAXTA!
DID HE SAY BAXTA?
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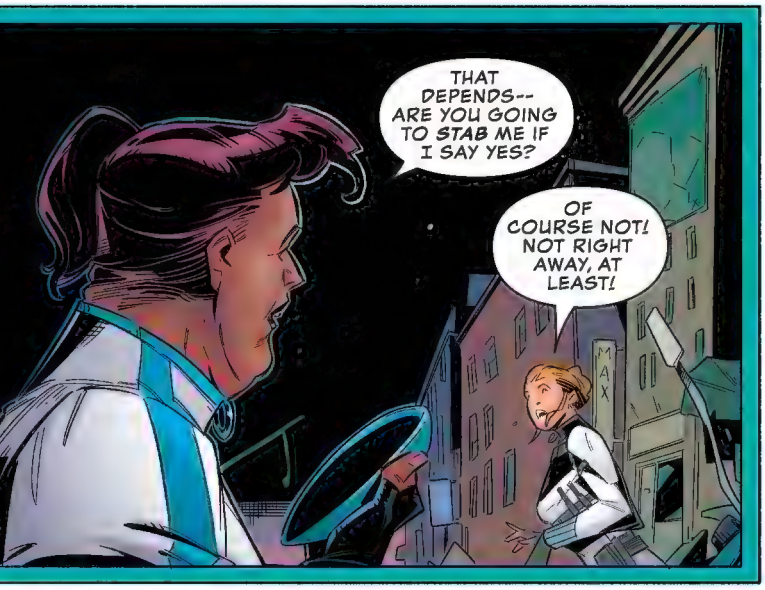
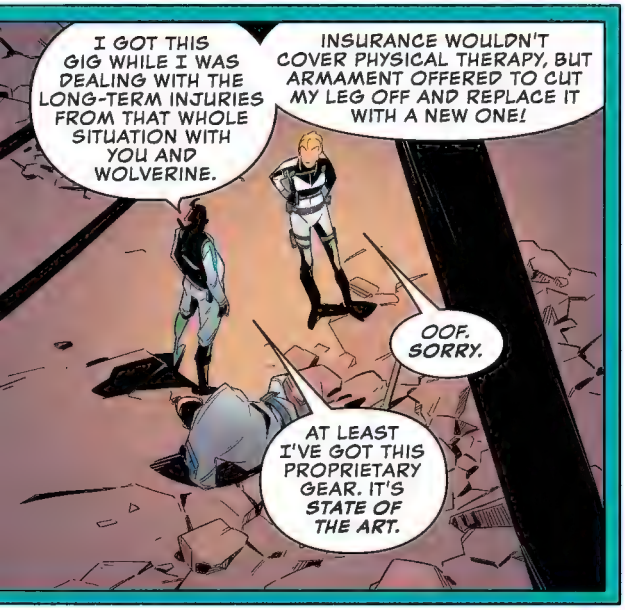

THAT DEPENDS-- ARE YOU GOING TO STAB ME IF I SAY YES?
OF COURSE NOT! NOT RIGHT AWAY, AT LEAST!
MAX

LAST TIME I SAW YOU, ME AND WOLVERINE HAD JUST EXPLODED YOU! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
I'M WORKING! THIS IS MY NEW JOB!


I GOT THIS GIG WHILE I WAS DEALING WITH THE LONG-TERM INJURIES FROM THAT WHOLE SITUATION WITH YOU AND WOLVERINE.
INSURANCE WOULDN'T COVER PHYSICAL THERAPY, BUT ARMAMENT OFFERED TO CUT MY LEG OFF AND REPLACE IT WITH A NEW ONE!
OOF. SORRY.
AT LEAST I'VE GOT THIS PROPRIETARY GEAR. IT'S STATE OF THE ART.

YEAH, NICE LEG, REALLY COOL, HEY, I HAVE A QUESTION-- WHY IS YOUR NEW JOB SENDING YOU TO ATTACK ME?!
OH, YOU WERE RANDOMLY SELECTED! THIS WAS JUST A TRAINING RUN FOR ME AND THOSE OTHER TWO.

IS HE GONNA BE OKAY, BY THE WAY?
DUNNO! THIS WAS MY FIRST TIME USING THE BITE. IT WAS COOL, NO?
TRAINING RUN?

WELL--I MEAN, THIS WHOLE TOWN IS A TRAINING GROUND FOR ARMAMENT AUGMENTED AMBASSADORS.
HAVEN'T THEY TOLD YOU ABOUT THE PROGRAM? IT'S REALLY AMAZING.
WHAT PROGRAM?

"THE AAA PROGRAM! ARMAMENT PAID FOR MY PHYSICAL UPGRADES...
"... AND ALL I HAVE TO DO IS WORK FOR THEM UNTIL I'VE PAID BACK THE COST OF THE NEW GEAR AND THE MEDICAL CARE."
HOW LONG IS THAT GOING TO TAKE?
I DON'T KNOW, THREE OR FOUR YEARS? MEANWHILE, I'VE GOT A *SEMI-COMPREHENSIVE* HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN, FREE STATE-OF-THE-ART PHYSICAL ENHANCEMENTS, A *POTENTIAL* DENTAL PLAN. STABLE EMPLOYMENT!
WAIT, THIS SOUNDS FAMILIAR--IT'S LIKE HOW THEY RECRUITED ME!
I WASN'T EVEN INVOLVED IN THAT WHOLE THING WITH THE INHUMANS, BUT MY DOCTOR THINKS THE DUST I INHALED FROM THE STARK TOWER EXPLOSION IS WHAT KICKED OFF MY *MYALGIC ENCEPHALOMYELITIS.*
I WAS DROWNING IN *MEDICAL DEBT* AND COULDN'T FIND AN EMPLOYER WITH THE FLEXIBILITY I NEEDED...
...BUT THEN ARMAMENT CALLED TO ASK IF I COULD HELP THEM WITH THEIR *DISABILITY OUTREACH STRATEGY.*
NOW I GET TO OFFER *OPPORTUNITIES* TO PEOPLE IN MY COMMUNITY. IT'S SO GOOD TO KNOW THAT ARMAMENT HAS OUR BACKS. IT REALLY IS LIKE A FAMILY!
Augh...
...whappendme...?

I AM NOT THE BEST AT FAMILY, SO MAYBE I AM MISSING SOMETHING.
BUT IT SEEMS TO ME, ROWAN, THAT YOUR FAMILY JUST TRIED TO KILL YOU.
I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT. THERE MUST HAVE BEEN A MISTAKE.
IT WASN'T A MISTAKE. I TOLD YOU, IDYLHAVEN IS A TRAINING FACILITY NOW.
WE'RE LEARNING TO UTILIZE SYNERGISTIC ASSASSINATION TECHNIQUES ACROSS INTEGRATED VERTICALS.
BUT PEOPLE LIVE HERE! YOU CAN'T TRAIN ASSASSINS ON A WHOLE TOWN!
I DON'T KNOW--HAMISH KIND OF OWNS THE TOWN, SO... WHO'S GOING TO STOP HIM?
HAMISH ISN'T THE REAL OWNER THOUGH.
GIVE ME A NAME.
WAIT! WE'RE NOT ALLOWED TO--
A NAME. NOW.
HAMISH...IS JUST THE FACE OF THE COMPANY... THE REAL OWNER IS--
NDA VIOLATION DETECTED.
NDA VIOLATION? BUT WE DIDN'T EVEN SAY RENATA'S NAME--
SELF-DESTRUCT ACTIVATED.
THE RELEASE MECHANISM ISN'T WORKING!
BEEBEEBEEBEEBEEEEEE
ROWAN, GET DOWN!

OH MY GOD. OH MY GOD. I CAN'T--THAT CAN'T HAVE HAPPENED-- IS SHE...?
WE HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE. IT'S NOT SAFE.
IS THIS MY FAULT? THEY WERE HERE TO KILL ME. MAYBE I SHOULD HAVE JUST LET THEM--
NO. ABSOLUTELY NOT.
WE KNOW WHOSE FAULT IT IS. RENATA, THE REAL LEADER OF ARMAMENT. WHY DO I KNOW THAT NAME?
RENATA... AS IN RENATA BEST? LIKE--LIKE HER?
AHA. THAT'S WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM--MAXISSIMO BEST'S DAUGHTER. I SHOULD HAVE KILLED HER WHEN I HAD THE CHANCE.
STILL. IT IS GOOD TO PUT A FACE TO THE JOB.
WHAT JOB?
ROWAN, THAT WOMAN HAS ATTACKED MY NEIGHBORS. SHE HAS ATTACKED SHARPSWEETS. SHE HAS DESTROYED BEANS N' JEANS.
AND TONIGHT, SHE KILLED TWO PROMISING YOUNG ASSASSINS. FOR NO GOOD REASON.
YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT THE JOB IS?

THE JOB IS REVENGE.
TO BE CONCLUDED!

NEXT
When Armament's leader turns out to have ties to YeLena's past, the fight gets personal. But will everything YeLena's learned about herself be enough to protect her present--and Idyllhaven's future?

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